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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd April, 1974 at 10.30.a.m.

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I. VISIT OF THE GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO BULGARIA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the German Representative reporting on Mr. Scheel's visit to Sofia on 25th and 26th March.

II. DEVELOPMENTS IN ROMANIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted contributions by the German and United States Representatives reporting on and assessing the recent changes in the Romanian leadership and in the structure of the Party and the Government in that country;
- (2) noted a further contribution by the United States Representative reporting Romanian press comments with respect to Romania's independent foreign policy line and the Romanian Communist Party's opposition to a World Communist Conference convened on current Soviet terms.

III. PREPARATIONS FOR A WORLD CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' PARTIES

The COMMITTEE:

noted contributions by the Belgian and Turkish Representatives indicating that reports from Warsaw suggested that a European Conference of Communist and Workers' Parties might be held in that capital in September of this year.

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IV. PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE WARSAW PACT

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Turkish Representative reporting an assessment of this question by the Turkish Embassy in Warsaw and indicating that a meeting of the Warsaw Pact Consultative Political Committee might be held on this subject in Moscow at the end of April or early in May;
- (2) agreed to keep this item under review as a continuing item.

V. MEETING OF THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL, SOFIA, 16TH TO 19TH FEBRUARY

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Netherlands Delegation reporting on and assessing this meeting.

VI. NEW TRAVEL REGULATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS IN THE SOVIET UNION

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the Netherlands Authorities were considering the possibility of some reciprocal relaxation of travel restrictions but would only take a decision after an evaluation, at an appropriate time, of the results of the implementation of the new Soviet regulations;
- (2) noted that the position of the United Kingdom Authorities was similar;
- (3) agreed to keep this matter under review during the coming weeks as a continuing item.

VII. CSCE: CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the United States Representative of his Authorities' views on the proposal for greater openness in the presentation of defence expenditures;
- (2) agreed, in principle, to have another meeting with experts on confidence building measures;
- (3) agreed to seek instructions on the acceptability to these experts of holding a meeting on Tuesday, 23rd April, starting in the morning;

- (4) noted that the United Kingdom Authorities were prepared to make proposals for a detailed Agenda which could be considered at the Committee's next meeting.

VIII. CONSULTATION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE

The COMMITTEE, in preparation of an eventual Council decision on the proposal set out in the United States Permanent Representative's letter of 28th March:

- (1) noted that those delegations with instructions could agree, in principle, to such a consultation in the Council and in an expert forum;
- (2) noted that the date of 13th May had been proposed for such consultation and was acceptable by many but not all national authorities;
- (3) agreed at its next meeting further to consider what detailed questions should be discussed at these meetings.

IX. RESUMPTION OF THE CCD, GENEVA

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the United States Representative that on 5th April the United States and Soviet Co-Chairmen of the CCD would formally announce that that body would resume its work on 16th April.

X. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 9th April, at 10.30.a.m.

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